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RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 456,400 IN NOVEMBER

As a result of continued gains in both the Manufacturing and Nonmanufacturing sectors, Rhode Island's overall establishment employment rose for the fourth consecutive month, reaching a new record high level of 456,400 in November, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island's current employment total represents an increase of 1,000 jobs from the October level and is 3,300 more than the November 1986 figure of 453,100.

MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment increased by 200 in November, but the current factory job level of 121,500 showed no change from the figure recorded a year ago. In the Durable Goods category, the November employment total of 83,600 reflected a gain of 700 from the prior month, but remained stable compared to a year earlier. Employment in the Nondurable Goods producing industries fell 500 in the October-November period to a level of 37,900, which equalled the November 1986 figure.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains of 200 each occurred in Fabricated Metals and Jewelry-Silverware, followed by upturns of 100 each in Nonelectrical Machinery, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. The remaining Durable Goods industries showed no

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SEASONS GREETINGS AND A WORD OF THANKS TO RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYERS

John S. Renza, Director, and the staff of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security take this opportunity to extend holiday greetings to the Rhode Island employer community and to all readers of the Employment Bulletin.

A special word of thanks is extended to those employers who assist the Department to determine trends in the State's economy by providing essential employment information each month. Such key indicators as employment levels, weekly production hours and workers earnings become the basis for both state and national reports and statistics prepared and published by this Department.

The Department of employment Security will continue its efforts to publish accurate and timely data every month to assist users of the Employment Bulletin in reaching decisions and planning for future employment needs. ***To all, a Happy and Prosperous New Year.***

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Total Placements	678	765	1,168
New Applications	2,032	2,031	2,135
New Openings Rec'd.	1,257	1,774	1,640

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	% Change Oct. 1987
Initial Claims	5,418	4,005	+ 35.3
No. of Payments	26,147	24,364	+ 7.3
Amt. of Payments	$ 3,827,761	$ 3,504,996	+ 9.2
Exhaustions	620	588	+ 5.4

TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Initial Claims	2,824	3,462	2,792
No. of Payments	25,997	26,107	22,729
Amt. of Payments	$ 4,217,670	$ 4,178,857	$ 3,384,628

RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	530.4	524.7	519.5
Unemployment	16.4	15.5	17.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.1	3.0	3.3
Seas. Adjusted Rate	3.6	3.5	3.9

PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	341.0	338.4	338.3
Unemployment	9.8	10.2	10.8
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.9	3.0	3.2

PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	169.4	167.4	166.7
Unemployment	5.7	6.0	6.4
Rate (Unadjusted)	3.4	3.6	3.8

NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

	Oct. 1987	Sept. 1987	Oct. 1986
Civilian Labor Force	35,660	36,485	35,215
Unemployment	815	815	890
Rate (Unadjusted)	2.3	2.2	2.5

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
NOVEMBER 16-20, 1987

Sex and Age	Number	Percent
Total	7,768	100.0
Men	4,183	53.8
Under 45	2,703	64.6
45 and over	1,480	35.4
Women	3,585	46.2
Under 45	1,972	55.0
45 and Over	1,613	45.0
Industry Attachment		
Contract Construction	836	10.8
Manufactruing	3,316	42.6
Public Utilities	344	4.4
Wholesale and Retail	1,210	15.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	359	4.6
Service	1,449	18.7
All Other	254	3.3
Occupational Skills		
Prof., Tech. and Managerial	1,464	18.9
Clerical and Sales	1,494	19.2
Service	702	9.0
Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ.	105	1.4
Processing	269	3.5
Machine Trades	687	8.8
Bench Work	1,315	16.9
Structural Work	837	10.8
Miscellaneous	777	10.0
INA	118	1.5

TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

	EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS			NET CHANGE FROM	
	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT *	456.4	455.4	453.1	+ 1,000	+ 3,300
MANUFACTURING	121.5	121.3	121.5	+ 200	-
NONMANUFACTURING	334.9	334.1	331.6	+ 800	+ 3,300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	19.2	19.5	17.9	- 300	+ 1,300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15.2	15.3	14.9	- 100	+ 300
TRADE (Wholesale & Retail)	102.9	102.0	101.9	+ 900	+ 1,000
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	25.5	25.4	25.1	+ 100	+ 400
SERVICE (Miscellaneous)	113.7	113.9	112.8	- 200	+ 900
GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local)	58.4	58.0	59.0	+ 400	- 600

1987 Figures are PRELIMINARY. 1986 Figures are REVISED. Estimates are for Pay Period which includes the 12th of the month.

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
** Labor Dispute

ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

	EMPLOYMENT					PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES					
	In Thousands			Net Change From		Weekly Earnings		Weekly Hours		Hourly Earnings	
INDUSTRY GROUP	Nov. 1987	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986	Nov. 1987	Nov. 1986
ALL MANUFACTURING	121.5	121.3	121.5	+200	-	$ 329.83	$325.21	39.5	40.6	$8.35	$ 8.01
DURABLE GOODS	83.6	82.9	83.6	+700	-	326.30	322.36	39.6	40.6	8.24	7.94
LUMBER/FURNITURE	3.4	3.4	3.3	-	+100	387.84	373.73	40.4	40.1	9.60	9.32
STONE-CLAY-GLASS	1.7	1.7	1.7	-	-	417.60	416.48	40.0	41.4	10.44	10.06
PRIMARY METALS	5.4	5.4	5.5	-	- 100	396.68	391.85	41.8	42.5	9.49	9.22
FABRICATED METALS	10.0	9.8	10.1	+200	- 100	323.19	296.80	39.9	40.0	8.10	7.42
NONELECTRIC MACH.	6.2*	6.1*	5.9*	+100	+300	446.52	438.02	43.1	44.2	10.36	9.91
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY	12.1	12.0	12.2	+100	- 100	300.68	302.25	39.1	40.3	7.69	7.50
TRANSPORTATION EQUIP.	9.4	9.3	9.5	+100	- 100	428.67	418.08	39.4	40.2	10.88	10.40
INSTRUMENTS	5.0*	5.0*	4.9*	-	+100	332.91	339.34	40.5	42.9	8.22	7.91
JEWELRY-SILVERWARE	24.6	24.4	24.5	+200	+100	260.41	256.69	39.1	40.6	6.66	6.32
MISCELLANEOUS MFG.	5.8	5.8	6.0	-	- 200	254.87	244.97	35.3	35.4	7.22	6.92
NONDURABLE GOODS	37.9	38.4	37.9	- 500	-	336.41	323.19	39.3	39.9	8.56	8.10
FOOD-BEVERAGE	3.4	3.5	3.4	- 100	-	302.30	267.49	37.6	37.1	8.04	7.21
TEXTILES	10.4	10.5	10.3	- 100	+100	308.77	303.68	40.1	41.6	7.70	7.30
APPAREL	3.0	3.1	3.1	- 100	- 100	288.15	283.16	40.3	42.2	7.15	6.71
PAPER PRODUCTS	2.5	2.5	2.5	-	-	322.82	296.02	41.6	41.0	7.76	7.22
PRINTING-PUBLISHING	6.9	7.0	6.8	- 100	+100	433.93	417.66	37.7	37.9	11.51	11.02
CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	3.0	3.0	3.1	-	- 100	434.43	430.85	40.3	40.8	10.78	10.56
RUBBER PRODUCTS	1.3	1.4	1.3	- 100	-	335.96	332.10	39.9	41.0	8.42	8.10
PLASTICS PRODUCTS	5.1	5.1	5.1	-	-	336.30	330.42	38.7	41.2	8.69	8.02
LEATHER PRODUCTS	2.3	2.3	2.3	-	-	226.74	223.29	38.3	38.9	5.92	5.74

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change from last month. Compared to a year ago, the largest employment increase (+300) was posted in Nonelectrical Machinery. In addition, annual gains of 100 each were registered in Lumber/Furniture, Instruments and Jewelry-Silverware. For the twelve month period, employment in the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment fell by 200, while declines of 100 each were recorded in Primary Metals, Fabricated Metals, Electrical Machinery and Transportation Equipment. Payroll levels in Stone-Clay-Glass were unchanged from a year ago.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly declines of 100 each were posted in Food-Beverage, Textiles, Apparel, Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products, while the remaining Nondurable Goods industries were unchanged for the same time period. On an annual comparison, job gains in Textiles and Printing-Publishing (+100 each) were offset by decreases in Apparel and Chemical Products (-100 each). Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged from year earlier levels.

NONMANUFACTURING

Overall employment in Rhode Island Nonmanufacturing establishments rose by 800 in the October-November period, primarily due to pre-holiday hiring in the Wholesale and Retail Trade segment. The November job total of 334,900 is 3,300 greater than the year ago level of 331,600.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, Wholesale and Retail Trade employment reflected increased holiday activity, advancing by 900 jobs from October to the current level of 102,900, which represents an annual gain of 1,000 workers. Overall Government employment at 58,400, rose 400 from the previous month, but was down 600 compared to a year ago. Payroll totals in Finance, Insurance and Real Estate increased 100 for the month and 300 on an annual basis to a level of 25,500 in November. Employment in Contract Construction, at 19,200, and Services, at 113,700, recorded monthly decreases of 300 and 200, respectively. However, compared to November 1986, the former was up 1,300, while the latter expanded by 900 jobs. Although payroll levels in Transporation and Public Utilities declined by 100 from last month, the current total of 15,200 is 300 above the figure reported a year ago.

HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 3 cents to $8.35 in mid-November; this represents a gain of 34 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week decreased by 0.5 of an hour in November to 39.5 hours, which was also 1.1 hours below the November 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in November amounted to $329.83, representing a decrease of $2.97 from last month, but a gain of $4.62 from a year ago.

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